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Amendments to the Claims

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A face mask according to ~~claim 1~~ of a plastics material comprising: a relatively soft canopy member having a peripheral sealing edge providing a seal with the skin around the nose and mouth of a patient, said canopy member being moulded as one shot in a dual-shot moulding process; a relatively rigid reinforcement member in the form of a frame having a plurality of radially-extending arms, said reinforcement member being moulded integrally with said canopy member as another shot in the dual-shot moulding process; and a gas port by which gas can enter the mask, wherein two of said arms extend towards opposite edges of the mask and are terminated by lateral bars extending substantially parallel to an edge of the mask.

12. (Original) A face mask according to Claim 11 including a harness arranged to extend around the head of the patient, and wherein said lateral bars support a fastener to which said harness is attached.

19-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A method of making a face mask of a plastics material comprising the steps of: (a) moulding a relatively soft canopy member having a peripheral sealing edge as one shot in a dual-shot moulding process, said peripheral sealing edge providing a seal with the skin around the nose and mouth of a patient; (b) moulding a relatively rigid reinforcement member in the form of a frame having a plurality of radially-extending arms integrally with said canopy member as another shot in the dual-shot moulding process; and ©) forming a gas port by which gas can enter the mask in the dual-shot moulding process.

22. (New) Method of claim 21, wherein said gas port is formed at one of the arms of said reinforcement member in said another shot of the dual-shot moulding process.

23. (New) Method of claim 21, wherein said step (a) comprises the step of tapering the peripheral sealing edge of said canopy member to a reduced thickness and an increased flexibility at its edge.
24. (New) Method of claim 21, further comprising the steps of: locating said gas port in line with the mouth of the patient; projecting a gas connector from said gas port for connection to a gas supply tube, and angling the connector such that it projects down when the mask is applied to the patient's face in an upright position.
25. (New) Method of claim 21 further comprising the step of arranging a valve separate from said gas port to allow air to flow into the mask when there is an inadequate supply of air or gas at said gas port.
26. (New) Method of claim 25, further comprising the step of providing said valve on said reinforcement member.
27. (New) Method of claim 21 further comprising the step of including at said mask a selectively closable vent that can be opened to allow flow of gas out of the mask.
28. (New) Method of claim 27, further comprising the step of including a cap member at said vent movable between two discrete positions where said vent is open or closed respectively.
29. (New) Method of claim 27, providing said vent on said reinforcement member.
30. (New) Method of claim 21, further comprising the step of extending two of said arms towards opposite edges of the mask to be terminated by lateral bars extending substantially parallel to an edge of the mask.

31. (New) Method of claim 30 comprising the steps of: using said lateral bars to support a fastener; and attaching a harness arranged to extend around the head of the patient to said fastener.

32. (New) Method of claim 21, comprising the step of including in said frame three arms supporting respectively the gas port, a valve to allow gas to enter the mask and a vent that can be opened to allow gas to flow out of the mask.

33. (New) Method of claim 21 comprising the step of attaching at opposite ends with said reinforcement member a harness arranged to extend around the head of the patient.